## CITY'S TAX RATE IS THE HIGHEST IN ITS HIST

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### TAX RATE FOR 1915 RAISED 8 TO 34 POINTS OVER LAST YEAR: EVERY BOROUGH HIT

Richmond Gets the Heaviest Increase, While Brooklyn's is the Lightest.

MANHATTAN RATE UP 9.

Valuations Have Not Been Generally Increased, However, It Is Stated.

The new tax rate for 1915, the highot in many years, was struck for boroughs of the greater city to-day. It shows a decided increase every section of the city.

In Manhattan there is an increase of 9 points; in the Bronx, 17 points; in Brooklyn, 8 points; in Queens, 15 points, and in Richmond, the hardest ht. 84 points.

The new tax rates for the five roughs are as follows: Manhattan, 1.87; The Bronx, 1.96, Brooklyn, 1.92; ne, 1.95, and Richmond, 2.24. This means that property owners will have to pay that percentage on every

In arirving at the figures, city officiale claim, property valuations, generally speaking, were not increased In fact, it is claimed the increases were confined principally to new cided advances in realty values rhod of Forty-second Street and further north, where there have been new structures erected, was ineluded in the area of increased as-

Heeding the complaints of propand rec. . ite men that dull market had a tendency to depreciate property values if certain business sections, the tax assessors were lenient in their dealing, with holdings along Broadway from Thirof course, takes in part of the finan-

She of the officials, who went over the tax assessor's books, says there a general decrease in assessed valuntions in that section of Broadway.

The Board of Aldermen will receive the new tax rates at its next regular over the figures and pass them on to civilian garb he spent the early part the Board of Estimate after having officially fixed the rates already set by the assessors and other experts in the tax and finance departments.

#### TWO BROOKLYN ALDERMEN **OUSTED BY HIGH COURT**

ALBANY, Feb. 25 .- The Court cies existed in two Brooklyn Alder- he expected to see Hill again, heard manic districts. At the same time five pistol shots in rapid succession the court ruled against two Demo- The shots seemed to come from the crats, Karl Diets and Philip Brady, direction of Sipp Avenue. who had their names on the general | Charles ran through the rain to

Stuyvesant and West Side Avenues he came upon the body of Patroiman he body of Patroiman he came upon the body of Patroiman he came upon the body of Patroiman he body of Patroiman he came upon the body of Patroiman he b

## POLICEMAN SLAIN BY COMRADE AS

He Was Beating Me and I Had to Shoot," Says Jersey City Slayer.

HOSTILE FOR OVER YEAR

Broken Umbrella Handle Leads to Capture of Shooter, Cowering in Bed.

Policeman Charles Hill and Policeman Victor Cash, both of the Montgomery Street Station, Jersey City, 1100 worth of assessed valuation. The dmany mouths' duration, met in the tax rates in the five boroughs for the dark and storm at 1.45 o'clock A. M. Pear 1916 were: Manhattan, 1.78; The at Stuyvesant and West Side Ave-Bronz, 1.77; Brooklyn, 1.84; Queens, and fought to the finish. Hill and arms.

Cash, the younger of the two men, and on the force only nineteemmonths, was found a few hours later cowering in a bed in the Cowan Point Athletic furing the last twelve months. The Club. To Chief of Police Monahan he is said to have made a complete confeasion of the murder, justifying his act on the score of self defense.

Hill, whose home was at No. 97 Larch Avenue, Jersey City, was fortyfive years old and had been in uniform for twelve years. Cash, a youth in his early twenties, was assigned to the Montgomery Street Station when be joined the force less than two years

For some reason not yet revealed, ty-fourth Street to the Pattery, This, bitter enmity grew between the two comrades in the station noted it and recently it was freely wagered among them that one or the other of the enemies would come to harm at the hands of his antagonist.

Last night Cash had the "long tour," which meant that he would be off duty until daylight to-day. In of the evening with convivial companions in various salons. Hill was on duty along the West Side avenue district.

TINDS BODY FACE DOWN IN THE GUTTER.

Patrolman Fred Charles, also of the Montgomery Street Station, halled Patrolman Hill from across the street when midnight happened to bring the two at contiguous points on their beats. At 1.45 o'clock ppeals late to-day declared vacan- Charles, approaching the place where

ballot. They were declared ward the place where he thought the coted in the Supreme Court of firing had been done, blowing his cooklyn, but the Appellate Division whistle and pounding the pavement wented the ruling. The Court of with his club. At the junction of possile to-day upheld the Appellate Stuvvesant and West Side Avenues Stuyvesant and West Side Avenues

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#### WHITMAN MUST **DECIDE FOR SELF** ON SERVICE BOARD

egislative Probers to Send Him Testimony, but No " "Conclusions"

MAYOR IS, A WITNESS.

Declares for Two Commissions and Says Present Law

Is Adequate.

The Legislative Committee which investigating the work of the Public Service Commission will not commu nicate any "conclusions" to Gov Whitman in response to be letter to Chairman Thompson, made public to

Instead, the matter of "conclusions" is to be put up to the Governor him self by the transmission to him of the record of testimony so far adduced

It will be sent to Albany to-morro or Saturday so as to be in Gov. Whitman's hands by Monday. Gov. Whitman's letter to Senator

record to-day, was as follows: Albany, Feb. 24, 1915 .. Dear Sir: If your committee has ascertained from its inquiry thus far conducted whether the of the First District had been efficient and have performed their full duty, or have been inefficient and have neglected their duty, either separately or as a body, as shown by their official actions, I request that you communicate

CHARLES S. WHITMAN. An informal executive meeting the committee was called for 5 o'clock this afternoon in the Finance Room of the Board of Aldermen as soon as Gov. Whitman's letter was read. This meeting was to arrange for the trans.

to me your conclusions. Very

mission of the testimony record. The committee will not finish its work until next Monday and will not have its written report ready for the Legislature before March 15.

F. W. Whitridge, President of Third-Avenue Railroad, was the first witness called in this afternoon's ses tion of the Legislative Committee.

Mr. Whitridge's testimony was re plete with humorous criticism of the work and the methods of the Public Service Commission. Among his opin.

ions of the Commission were: "Judicial functions should be take

"I bought the Fifty-ninth Street let me say that the road earned 59 newspapers per cent after taking \$60,000 out for

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BILL HITS AT FREE LUNCH. Porbids Cafe Men "to Give Away

Food to Be Enten un Premises." ALBANY, Fob. 25 .- Sepator Lawson wants to abolish free lunch counters in the cafes of the State. He introduced a bill to-day intended to amend the Liquo that proprietors shall not be permitted "to give away any food to be eaten on

SAILING TO-DAY.

#### MAYOR COMMENDS EVENING WORLD FOR VICTORY IN 5-CENT PHONE FIGHT

MATOR MITCHEL SAID TO-DAY:

"I congratulate The Evening World upon the long fight it has waged York. To-day's developments indicate that this reduced rate is practi-

"It has always seemed to me that a universal five-cent toll for this city was the only equitable one. The most glaring inconsistency in the interborough rates just now is the 10-cent fee exacted for a call from lower Manhattan to Brooklyn. For instance: If one desires to call from the Pulitzer Building to, say, the Post Office Building in Brooklyn, a distance of about a mile and a half, the charge is 10 cents, in spite of the fact that both these stations are within the city.

"In striking contrast to this example is the fact that one can call from the Battery to Harlem in the Borough of Manhattan for a nickel. It is this unjust and illogical difference in toll which The Evening World's fight, now apparently won, will remedy."



JOHN PURROY MITCHEL

# TO RAISE TAXES

Says Negro's Repudiation of Thompson, which was read into the Testimony Is an "Ingenious Evasion."

> ground that James Marshall, the negro witness had repudiated his testimony, Justice Weeks strongly intimated to-day Mat be would refuse to grant the motion

In the course of the proceedings As sistant District Attorney Delehanty openly charged that Howard M. Long. a United States Commissioner in Philadelphia before whom Marshall made his affidavit two weeks ago, is under retainer by Becker. Martin Manton, Becker's counsel, denied this. but admitted that Long represents him in many other matters than the Becker case.

Mr. Manton opened the proceedings by submitting affidavits signed by Marshall and two Philadelphia newspaper reporters. In Marshall's affidavit be told at length how he had been brought to New York by the District Attorney's Office and kept here until after the second trial.

He recited that he had met Becker on June 27, 1912, at One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Street and Seventh Avenue after a raid, and Becker had talked to some men there. The away from this tribunal, as it has so-called repudiation of his testimony shown itself utterly unfit to exercise to the effect that Becker met Jack Rose on that occasion was contained line for \$2,400,000 cash and Mr. Multbie have known it was Jack hard Becker decided that I could issue securities talked to if it hadn't been for what for only \$1,500,000. I finally got a de- Assistant District Attorney Groehl cision for \$2,100,000 of securities. Now told him and what he read in the

Mr. Manton declared that the whole depreciation. That will show you the case sgainst-Becker rested on Marshall's testimony, since it was neces- of Appeals. Butt was brought in consary to get corroborative evidence as nection with the employment of laborto the so-called Harlem "murder conference" from some one not a co-conspirator. Sam Schepps furnished the corroboration in the first trial, but the Court of Appeals threw out his testi-

absolutely necessary for the District Attorney to get a corroborative wit-Tax Law by inserting a clause stating pess not in the conspiracy and knowing there was a raid in One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Street on June 27 they dug up this man Marshall." "There are just three points in this

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matter," said Justice Weeks.

Motorcycles and Saloon Privileges Also Listed by State to Add to Revenues.

Republican leaders of the Legisle

ing schemes are the following: Increasing the tax on automobiles from 0 to 50 per cent., taxing bonds, establishing a graduated excise tax based on the amount of business date by the holder of the license, inci- saing the mortgage tax from the flat rate of one-half of one per cent, to a quarter of one per cent. annually, a notorcycle tax of \$3 each.

A reduction of the stock transfer tax is planned to induce corporations not to remove from New York. The removals in the last few years have been numerous, and the income from this source has been greatly reduced as a result.

About \$200,000 also can be saved anqually by pruning the cost of publishing and printing the session and general laws of the State, it is said.

#### COURT UPHOLDS LAW WHICH BANS ALIENS

Confirms Conviction of Contractor Who Employed Them in Subway Work. ALBANY, Feb. 25 .- The constitu-

tionality of the State law prohibiting the employment of aliens on public work was upheld to-day by the Court ers in the New York Subway. Provision also was made in the statute that contracts on which alien labor was employed should be forfeited. A taxpayer's suit was brought by William E. Heim to restrain the Public Service Commission from declaring forfeited contracts for the construction

In order to fully determine the quesin a criminal proceeding also was brought against Clarence A. Crane. He was found guilty in a Court of Special Sessions and fined \$50. The Appellato Division reversed the conviction and the cases then were carried to the higher court.

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## **CURE FOR TETANUS** ROCKEFELLER MAN

New Treatment and Apparatus to Be Used at Once on Battlefields.

Twenty-five apparatuses, it battlefields.

Patents to the invention have be thrown open, so that whoever wished might manufacture and use the apparatus.

The institute's investigators have found, it was said, that most of the deaths occurring among wounded men are due to tetanue and that the present method of treating tetanus has drawbacks which make it impossible to save as many of the wounder as might be saved by a more avail-

An injection of a solution containing epsom salts into the membranes of the spinal cord is a part of the method of treatment, it is announced To Dr. F. U. Metssier of the institute is given credit for the new mathod.

The bellef is expressed that with this method of treatment and the use of the new apparatus—which is de-signed to aid in artificial respiration many more lives will be saved.

#### W. H. BAKER, MILLIONAIRE CHOCOLATE MAN, DEAD.

SYRACUSE, Pob. 25 .- William H chocolate manufacturer, with offices on Hudson Street, New York and a factory in Brooklyn, died at his hor here early to-day after eight months' ilineas of Hodgkins's disease. Mr. Haker is believed to have left

an enormous fortune. NAVAL AVIATOR KILLED.

tab Corpe Valls in Plight.

LONDON, Feb. 25 .- Lieut. Dawson C. Downing of the Royal Navy Flying Corps was killed to-day in a fall from a biplane during a fight at the central

Crews Escape From the Deptford and Western Coast Which Were Sent to the Bottom in North Sea and Channel.

#### BRITISH WILL FIGHT TO BITTER END, SAYS ASQUITH

LONDON, Feb. 25 .- Two more British ships were to-day re ported sunk by mines or torpedoes in the war zone established by Gen many. This makes the sixth disaster reported in the last buents four hours and the thirteenth since the submarine blockade was begun or

The first ship reported sunk to-day was the Deptford. Her cress was rescued. The other was the British steamer Western Coast, which was torpedoed or struck a mine yesterday in the English Channel off Beachy Head. Her crew was landed to-day at Portsmou

Six vessels all told have been reported sunk within the last twenty

was sent to the bottom in 20 minutes either by a German terpede from submarine or by coming in contact with a mine in the North Sea at o'clock yesterday morning at a point off Scarborough. The fifteen other

A large flotilla of German trawlers loaded with mines passed that less the mortality from tetanus among night moving westward, says a Copenhagen despatch to the Delly MAL soldiers wounded on European battle- The Skaw is the northernmost point of Denmark. The trawlers may bare me from either Kiel or the Baltic stations.

#### said, had already been sept to Eu- Germans Report Wreckage rope by the institute for use on the From British Troop Ship

reaching Berlin from ports on the North Sea, the Norwegian ster when coming through the English Channel recently, sighted a que floating wreckage in which there was to be seen some British It was supposed that this military clothing was from some Be

ansport which had been sent to the bottom

The German announcement that a British troop transport had been sunk by a submarine has not been borne out from London, where it had been said that this report doubtless referred to the terpedoing of the British steamer Branksome Chine, a government collier, which was attacked the afternoon of Feb. 28 in the English Channel at a point south of Beachy Head.]

BERLIN via wireless to Sayville, L. I.), Feb. 25.—The official property of the state of the sayville, L. I.).

ureau said this afternoon that it has reports from Rotterdam that 9,000 British sallors in the merchant service have refused to leave port ber

#### England Would Keep Up Fight Even Alone, Says Premier Asquith LONDON, Feb. 25 (Associated | even should France and Rus

Press).-Premier Asquith took occasion in the House of Commons this afternoon, in replying to a question, to indorse the opinion expressed recently by First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill in a newspaper interview to the effect that Great Britain would

draw from the war. The Premier pointed out that Me The Fremier pointed out that he.
Churchili had declared with especial
emphasis that he could not conceive
of such a contingency as this.
"But," added the Fremier, "I am in
complete agreement with him. I see
no reason to differ from the views he
has expressed."

#### Germans Capture Town and 10,000 Russians in Poland

BERLIN (via London), Feb. 25 [As- | The town of Pres ociated Press].-The town of Pressnyes, Russian Poland, was yesterday taken by storm by German forces, according to the official announce given out in Berlin to-day. The Germans captured 10,000 Russian prisoners. The report, dated to-day, reads: "The engagements on the Memel, amount of war mai

The town of Pracenyes, in Russian Poland, which had been extensively fortified, was stormed yesterday by the West Prussian recover. After a